

Frequently Asked Questions



Mandated Training & Content Questions

Q1. Does this training requirement apply to all ranks (Chiefs, Sheriffs, captains, etc.) and all types (reserves, detectives, DA investigators, etc.) of peace officers?

A. Yes, the law, [Penal Code \(PC\) §13519.8](#) and [Vehicle Code \(VC\) §17004.7](#), requires all peace officers to receive the training annually in order to qualify for immunity.

Q2. Does the training have to be POST-certified?

A. No, you do not have to certify your pursuit policy training through POST to comply with the SB 719 legislative mandate.

Q3. Does my trainer/facilitator have to be a POST-Certified Instructor?

A. No, you may use any trainer/facilitator.

Q4. By what date does the Pursuit Policy training need to be completed?

A. Training needs to be completed by July 1, 2007 and annually thereafter.

Q5. What are the minimum hours for this training?

A. [POST Regulation 1081\(a\)\(22\)](#) (pdf) states that the training has to be at least one (1) hour in duration.

Q6. What content will be addressed in the training?

A. Per [POST Regulation 1081\(a\)\(22\)](#)(pdf):

- a.** Vehicle safety, operation, and tactics
- b.** Agency vehicle pursuit policy
- c.** Assessing risk, dangers, and conditions
 - 1.** Public safety
 - 2.** Officer safety
 - 3.** Importance of balancing the known offense and need for apprehension against the risks to officers and the public
- d.** Consideration of law enforcement vehicle pursuit issues
 - 1.** When to initiate a pursuit
 - 2.** The number of involved law enforcement units permitted

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3. Responsibilities of primary and secondary law enforcement
4. Driving tactics
5. Helicopter assistance
6. Communications
7. Capture of suspects
8. Termination of a pursuit
9. Supervisory responsibilities
10. Blocking, ramming, boxing, and roadblock procedures
11. Speed limits
12. Inter-jurisdictional considerations
13. Conditions of the vehicle, driver, roadway, weather, and traffic
14. Hazards to uninvolved bystanders or motorists
15. Reporting and post pursuit analysis

Q7. Does an agency need to do anything besides provide the training?

- A. Yes, agencies must provide all peace officers with a copy of the agency pursuit policy. Peace officers must also sign an [attestation form](#) (doc) that states they have, “received, read, and understand” the agency pursuit policy. The agency must retain this form. Please DO NOT send attestation forms to POST.



POST Course/Credit Questions

Q8. How is the training delivered and who may deliver the training?

- A. There are at least four ways to deliver your Pursuit Policy training. Some have instructor requirements. Here is a summary of options/requirements to fulfill the SB 719 mandated training:
 - a. In-house, non-certified training, content restrictions as described in question #6.
 - b. In-house, POST-certified training, to receive CPT credit for a course you develop, you must go through the [Course Certification Process](#) (doc) in conjunction with your [Regional Training Consultant](#).
 - c. POST Pursuit Driving Update Telecourse DVD (March 2007) (instructors are not included in process) , two hours used with your agency’s pursuit policy, without POST CPT credit, no restrictions. (Note : If you want CPT Credit for Telecourse Training, you must follow the POST Telecourse Certification Conditions.)

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- d. Coming soon - the POST Pursuit Driving Line-up Training DVD provides another option to fulfill the training mandate. In order to use this DVD, your agency will need to join the [Line up Training Program](#), and individuals may receive training from a person who has attend a [required POST-developed workshop](#) to train first-line supervisors.

Q9. How can I get the [POST Pursuit Driving Update Telecourse DVD \(March 2007\)](#)?

- A. [Video ordering and subscribing](#) information is available on the POST website. You can order POST videos using the [CPTN Program Order Form](#) (pdf).

Q10. Where can I get the [POST Law Enforcement Vehicle Pursuit Guidelines](#)?

- A. [The POST Law Enforcement Vehicle Pursuit Guidelines](#) (pdf) are on our website.



Miscellaneous Questions

Q11. Will POST review my agency's pursuit policy?

- A. No, POST recommends that your agency retain competent legal counsel.

Q12. Who should my agency contact if we still have questions?

- A. Training managers or agency executives may contact:
Senior Consultant [Bryon G. Gustafson](#) 916 227-3902
or their [Regional Training Consultant](#) for more information.



Web Links for SB 719 Frequently Asked Questions Document

POST Regulation 1081(a)(22)

http://www.post.ca.gov/vehicle_pursuit/pdf/reg108.pdf

Course Certification Process

<http://www.post.ca.gov/about/TDBCourceCertProcess4web.DOC>

Regional Training Consultant

<http://www.post.ca.gov/training/mapofareas.asp>

Pursuit Driving Update

<http://www.post.ca.gov/training/cptn/pdf/2007/Mar2007.pdf>

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CPT Credit for Telecourse Training

<http://www.post.ca.gov/training/cptn/credit.asp>

POST Telecourse Certification Conditions

<http://www.post.ca.gov/training/cptn/pdf/Telecourse%20Certification%20Conditions.pdf>

Line-up Training Program

<http://www.post.ca.gov/training/cptn/Lineup.asp>

Required POST-developed workshop to train first-line supervisors

<http://www.nvccjtc.org/nvcdvdfacilitatortraining.html>

Video ordering and subscribing

<http://www.post.ca.gov/training/cptn/ordering.asp>

CPTN Program Order Form

<http://www.post.ca.gov/training/cptn/pdf/CPTNProgramOrderForm.pdf>

POST Law Enforcement Vehicle Pursuit Guidelines

http://www.post.ca.gov/vehicle_pursuit/default.asp

Attestation form

http://www.post.ca.gov/vehicle_pursuit/doc/attestation_form.doc

Penal Code §13519.8

<ftp://leginfo.public.ca.gov/pub/code/pen/13001-14000/13510-13519.14>

Vehicle Code §17004.7

<ftp://leginfo.public.ca.gov/pub/code/veh/16001-17000/17000-17004.7>

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